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*concerning the
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昭和十七年一月二十九日

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代理(公使、大使?) 殿

本月十九日附幣信ノ續キトシテ俘虜ノ待遇ニ對スル帝國政府ノ見解ヲ御知セスル光榮ヲ有シ候

一帝國政府ハ一九二九(昭和四)年七月二十七日附俘虜待遇ニ關スル條約ハ未ダ御批准アラセラレズ、依而帝國政府ハイササカモ之ニ拘束サレズ、然レドモ帝國政府ハ右條約ノ規定ヲ帝國ノ權力下ニアル英國、加奈陀、濠洲及ヒ新西蘭ノ俘虜ニ準用スルモノトス

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